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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate Urban Confer on exploring the formation of an Urban Interagency Workgroup with other Federal agencies.

By letter dated February 3, 2022, 14 Senators signed a letter requesting that President Biden and Vice President Harris form an Urban Indian Interagency Workgroup to identify needs and develop strategies to improve services provided to urban American Indian and Alaska Native populations. In response, on May 2, 2022, the Indian Health Service (IHS) sent an update to Senator Alex Padilla indicating that the IHS would explore forming an Urban Indian Interagency Workgroup to ensure Urban Indian health care needs are considered at the local, regional, and national levels.

URBAN CONFER SESSION (VIRTUAL): Please make plans to join us for a virtual Urban Confer session on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**. I would like to encourage you to provide comments and recommendations on this important topic.

VIRTUAL URBAN CONFER SESSION Urban Indian Interagency Workgroup	
DATE:	Wednesday, July 13, 2022
TIME:	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Eastern Time
REGISTRATION LINK:	https://ihs.gov/zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdO-rqjkjG--ocd3Fz6HXU-YLe23-rx4

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Please send your recommendations on exploring the formation of an Urban Indian Interagency Workgroup by the comment deadline of **Monday, September 12, 2022**.

By E-MAIL to: urbanconfer@ihs.gov – Subject Line: **Urban Indian Interagency Workgroup**.

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Thank you for your valuable input, partnership, and ongoing support. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Mueller, Acting Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-3787, or by e-mail at rick.mueller@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/
Acting Director